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SUBJECT: E AND E: NEW YORK TIMES

1. CLIFTON DANIEL OF THE NEW YORK TIMES CALLED DEPARTMENT TODAY TO ASK IF THE USG HAD SPECIFIC EVACUATION PLANS WHICH WOULD INCLUDE THE 47 VIETNAMESE EMPLOYEES (INCLUDING FAMILIES) OF THE TIMES IN SAIGON AND, IF THIS WERE NOT THE CASE, COULD THE USG INTERCEDE WITH THE GVN TO ASSURE THEIR DEPARTURE, POSSIBLY ON A PLANE CHARTERED BY THE TIMES AND OTHER MEDIA ORGANIZATIONS.

2. DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THERE IS A BAN IN EFFECT WHICH PREVENTS TRAVEL BY ALL BUT A VERY FEW CATEGORIES OF VIETNAMESE AND THAT IT IS HIGHLY DOUBTFUL THAT THE GVN WOULD GIVE PERMISSION AT THIS TIME FOR A FOREIGN ORGANIZATION TO EVACUATE ITS VIETNAMESE PERSONNEL. WE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE TIMES REP IN SAIGON DISCUSS WITH THE U. S. EMBASSY THE MATTER OF INCLUDING TIMES EMPLOYEES IN E AND E PLANNING.

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3. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR LENDING ALL APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE

TO THE TIMES IN THIS REGARD. PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH A
BRIEF REPORT THAT WE MIGHT PASS ON TO DANIEL. KISSINGER

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